

**Statement of Chairman Rohrabacher
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Markup of Oil-for-Food Report
December 7, 2005**

Today we are marking up and adopting the subcommittee report on the United Nations Oil-for-Food program. This report is the product of a number of hearings this Subcommittee as well as the Full Committee has held, as well as interviews with nearly two-hundred people and several hundred thousand documents reviewed by the Committee.

What we have found in our investigation makes us question unrealistic faith in the UN. In this case, the UN was entrusted with a program important for US national security and the stability of the Middle East and it was allowed to be corrupted by Saddam Hussein. Worse yet, that corruption reached the highest levels of the UN. The lessons learned from this experience should guide our decision-making in the future on the issues relating to the UN and other international organizations. If this is a report card, as well as a report, we give the UN a failing grade on integrity, oversight, and competency.

While our work on this subject is not completely over, this report signifies our views on the issues and our recommendations on the performance of the United Nations in the Oil-for-Food program and our ideas for.